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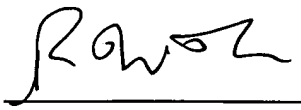
In accordance with Rule 97, the undersigned attorney submits the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. One of these documents (Heidrich et al) was cited against the EP counterpart to related commonly assigned co-pending application Serial No. 09/722,382 (attorney docket 723-961) (see pages 6-7 of 5/16/03 Information Disclosure Statement). A copy of the EP search report is also attached. Other listed items have been cited in 09/722,382, which application is subject to an Office Action mailed 5/14/2004, but have not yet been made of record in this case. Still other listed items have just now been uncovered.

Applicants request the Examiner to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and return a copy to indicate that the attached documents have been considered and made of record in this case.

Since this case has been allowed, applicants are concurrently filing a Request For Continued Examination to permit consideration of these items.

Respectfully submitted,

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